

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:  
 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.  
 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original,  
 first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for  
 which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SUSPENSION FOR LOAD HOOKS, the specification  
 of which is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the  
 claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the Office),  
 all information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of  
 Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Section 1.56.

## CLAIM OF PRIORITY

I hereby claim foreign benefits under Title 35, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 119, of any  
 foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any  
 foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on  
 which priority is claimed.

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